

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend FIGS. 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9 as shown in red in the attached copies of the original drawings. Specifically, the margins have been increased per the Examiner's request. Substitute formal drawings are also enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 15, 27, and 30 as follows:

A | 1. (Amended) A method of configuring a computer for installation of a peripheral device, the method comprising:

preparing a print server to retrieve a first device identification from a memory of the peripheral device, the print server, the peripheral device, and the computer being connected via a local area network;

comparing the first device identification to device names on a list of names associated with device drivers, the list and the drivers being stored in a memory of the computer connected to the peripheral device via the local area network; and

selecting for use an associated driver if the first device identification matches one of the names.

A2 | 15. (Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a local area network including a number of computer devices connected thereto, the computer devices including a print server, a computer, and at least one printer; a memory in the at least one printer for storing a first printer identification data string; and

A2 a processor associated with the computer including (i) a comparator for comparing the first data string to a device name on a list of device drivers stored in a memory of the computer connected to the at least one printer via the local area network, and (ii) a selector selecting a driver from the list if the first identification data string matches one of the names.

A3 27. (Amended) A method of installing printer drivers in a computer of a computer system, the computer system also including a printer and a print server, the computer, the printer, and the print server being connected via a local area network, the method comprising:

preparing the print server to determine if a current installation of the printer drivers is a first installation of the printer drivers;

installing the printer drivers in the computer if the current installation is the first installation and storing information associated with the current installation in a memory of the print server;

retrieving information associated with the first installation from the memory only if the current installation is not the first installation, the information associated with the first installation including a first identification data string;

retrieving a current identification data string from a memory of the printer connected to the computer via the local area network, the current identification data string being associated with the current installation;

comparing the first data string with the current data string; and

installing the printer drivers in the computer based upon the information

associated with the first installation only if the first data string matches the current data string.

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30. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a machine readable medium having recorded thereon instructions, such that when the instructions are read into a memory of a computer processor and executed, the instructions cause the computer processor to:

retrieve a first device identification from a memory of a peripheral device, the computer processor, the peripheral device, and a computer being connected via a local area network;

compare the first device identification to device names on a list of names associated with device drivers, the list stored in a memory of the computer connected to the peripheral device via the local area network; and

select for use an associated driver from the list if the first device identification matches one of the names.

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